

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Ando et al. (US Patent No. 6,580,869). Applicant traverses these rejections at least based on the following reasons.

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicants submit that Ando does not teach at least, “repeatedly transferring the predetermined access unit to the decoding device if the determined timing is before a timing at which a transfer operation corresponding to the display timing set for a subsequent access unit is to be started.” That is, the method of claim 1, for example, repeats the transfer of a predetermined access unit, or, for example, a predetermined image, as long as the end of the transfer is before the point of time starting a timely transfer of the subsequent image. See, e.g., FIG. 14. An exemplary result of the method set forth in claim 1 is that the first transfer of the subsequent image can be completed exactly at the desired display timing. Also, since the start time for a subsequent image and the completion of the previous image do not need to match, a gap may occur which is not used for any image transfer. At least based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that Ando does not anticipate claim 1.

Applicants submit that dependent claims 3-6 are patentable at least by virtue of their indirect or direct dependency from independent claim 1.

With respect to independent claim 2, Applicants submit that Ando does not teach at least, “repeatedly transferring the predetermined access unit to the decoding device if the determined timing is before the display timing set for a subsequent access unit,” as recited in claim 2. That is, for example, the method of claim 2 repeatedly transfers a predetermined image unit until the

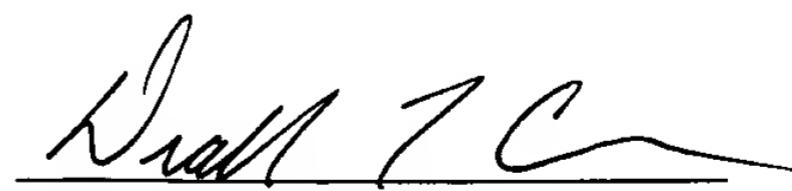
time difference between the end of the transfer and the display timing of the subsequent image is less than the transfer time of an image. An exemplary result of the method of claim 2 is that the transfer of the subsequent image can be started immediately. *See, e.g., Fig. 16.* In this method, a gap in the transfer of the present image can be avoided, but the first transfer of the subsequent image and a display thereof may be delayed. At least based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that Ando does not anticipate claim 2.

With respect to independent claim 7, Applicants submit that this claim is patentable at least for similar reasons to those set forth above with respect to claim 1. Applicants submit that dependent claim 8 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from independent claim 7.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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